PWG Rampage on Goods Train in Andhra Pradesh

5135. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether naxalites belonging People's War Group went on rampage, blasting a computerized engine of a goods train, office room of Railway Stations in the second week of February, 2002 in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, whether Government has made an assessment of loss incurred in the incidents, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken to ensure that such incidents do not recur?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The loss is assessed at Rs. 50 Lakhs to goods engine and about Rs. 2 Lakhs to the Railway Station.

(c) Government of Andhra Pradesh is talking all steps to protest the properties of the Government against the attack of extremists by intensifying police patrolling in the extremist affected areas and also guards at vulnerable places.

Female Infanticide in Dharmapuri, Tamil Nadu

5136. SHRI A. VIJAYA RAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the instances of female infanticide in Dharmapuri District of Tamil Nadu is under the attention of the authorities;

(b) if so, the female infants killed during the last five years; and

(c) the details of action taken against the culprits?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) The instances of female infanticides in Dharmapuri District of Tamil Nadu had come to the notice of the authorities. This year *i.e.* in 2002, Police, Revenue and Health departments in Dharmapuri district are working together to fight the

menace of female infanticide. Any information received in the district is thoroughly verified and if found true, cases are registered based on the report of Revenue officials even without any complaint from public.

(b) As per the data furnished by the State Government the female infants killed for the last 5 years is as under:

Year	No. of cases of female infanticide
1998	Nil
1999	Nil
2000	8
2001	8
2002	11
TOTAL:	27

(c) All the complaints were registered, proper investigations were carried out and prompt arrest of accused were made.

Infanticide is a crime punishable under Indian Penal Code (Section 315 and 316) and as such registration, investigation, detection and prevention of crime under IPC comes under the jurisdiction of State Government as per provisions of State List of seventh schedule of Constitution of India. However, Central Government has, from time to time been writing to the State Governments pressing upon them the need to take preventive and punitive measures.

Intelligence failure to identify terrorist attacks

5137. SHRI AIMADUDDIN AHMED KHAN (DURRU): Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether intelligence failure has been identified as the basic reasons for the success of surreptitious attacks on October 1, 2001 on Jammu & Kashmir Assembly and on December, 13, 2001 on Parliament, besides the full scale Kargil war preparations by Pakistan;